

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Are not the improvements suggested by His Highness important?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—They are.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Are they not urgent also?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There are more urgent works to be attended to in the Department.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Will the Government expedite them?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—They will try their level best.

Agreements with Medical Practitioners for supply of medicines.

378. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether one of the agreements with Medical Practitioners is not that they will be supplied with medicines worth Rs. 360 a year free of charge;

(b) is any amount now deducted from this cost of medicines; and if so, on what account and how much?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) The rates supplied to the Medical Practitioners for the preparation of the indents do not include the cost of the containers and transport. Hence Rs. 5 towards the cost of the containers and Rs. 8 towards railway freight in the case of the institutions where the consignment has to be sent by rail and Rs. 6 for those institutions where it has to be sent otherwise, are set apart for these purposes.

Thazhakkad Bazaar Road—improvement of.

379. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—Will the Government state:—

(1) whether any allotment was made in 1109 and 1110 budgets for the work of widening and improvement of “Thazhakkad Bazaar Road” in Kattur Village;

(2) whether the work has been started;

(3) if not, why?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) No.